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### DEQ UPDATE Oil-leak near Venice

BATON ROUGE, La – A flyover in the Venice area of south Louisiana late Thursday evening revealed an oil-like slick in the Mississippi River, according to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.

The slick is visible and is leaking into the river from an area near two storage tanks. Because the area is not accessible at the moment, there is no way to verify that the tanks are the cause of the leak. Also, there is no confirmation on how much of the product, which appears to petroleum based, has leaked.

According to DEQ's aerial data management team, the tanks are estimated at 280 feet wide and 20 feet tall. DEQ is providing the Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinators Office, Coast Guard and Environmental Protection with information regarding the situation. The aerial data team also estimated that if the storage tanks were full, they could hold 80,000 barrels of petroleum.

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